

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
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 ICHIMURA et al.)
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 Application Number: To be Assigned)
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 Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
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 For: MR (MAGNETORESISTANCE) DEVICE AND)
 MAGNETIC RECORDING DEVICE)
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 ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. NITT.0158)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to correct improper claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: